

than resorting to some outdated sexist double standard.

THE BUDGET

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, here we go again. Speaker GINGRICH has put together his new budget, Medicare cuts, Medicaid cuts in the tens of billions of dollars, cuts in student loans, all to give tax breaks to the richest people in the country.

Here we go again, Mr. Speaker. Last year when the Speaker introduced this Gingrich budget, again, tax breaks for the rich paid for by Medicare and Medicaid, student loan cuts. It kept going and going. Finally, they shut down the Government to get their way.

The public clearly did not buy what they were saying. The public opposes these Medicare and Medicaid cuts, opposes these student loan cuts to give tax breaks for the rich. Here we go again.

The public again is going to have to stand up as we are on this side of the aisle and reject that way of thinking. Let us work together, Mr. Speaker, to get a good budget without the draconian Medicare and Medicaid cuts, without tax breaks for the richest people in society. Balance the budget, move forward on increasing the minimum wage and building middle class wage jobs.

CREDIBILITY CANYON

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, it is always with great interest that I come to the well, hearing the same old tired bromides from the liberals, including my dear friend from Ohio. No wonder there is more than a credibility gap; there is a credibility canyon. And today we have a real gender gap.

Far apart is the rhetoric of the liberal side about ennobling and empowering women and right on the other side is their actions taken against working women. Two liberal male Members of this body yesterday in a Committee on Government Reform and Oversight hearing chose to attack two female staffers, not for who they are but for who they are married to. The depths of the desperation of the liberal side are truly amazing. Along with the credibility canyon, nursed by their accomplices in the liberal media, to allow them to say one thing and do another.

It will not play this time. Let us close this gender gap. Let us respect everyone in this House.

A MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman who just spoke would be reminded that Mary Matalin, who is an enormously talented woman, was ousted from the Dole campaign because she happened to be married to James Carville. People in glass houses should not throw stones.

Mr. Speaker, with Mother's Day only 2 days away, I know many people are puzzled about what to get Mom on Sunday.

Let's look at what Republicans have offered the mothers of America in the budget they unwrapped earlier this week.

If your mother depends on Medicare for her health care, the Republicans have given her a \$168 billion cut to pay for unnecessary tax breaks including those that benefit the wealthy.

If your mother is in a nursing home on Medicaid, the Republicans have given her a \$72 billion cut combined with a block grant approach that jeopardizes the coverage for her nursing home care.

The greatest gift congressional Republicans can give mothers and their hard working families is a new budget rather than this rehash of the same extreme positions and the same skewed priorities as the budget they proposed last year.

It's time for NEWT GINGRICH and the Republican leadership to put families first.

CALLING FOR AN APOLOGY

(Mrs. CUBIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I have been misled. I thought that Members of Congress were supposed to hold themselves to a higher standard. I thought that they were supposed to conduct themselves in a respectful manner. I was even naive enough to believe that male Members of Congress were supposed to treat females and males equally.

Boy, was I mistaken.

Yesterday, two Democrat Congressmen insulted two hard-working and dedicated female staffers. Not because of their job performance, not because of anything they said, and not because of anything they did. The only reason these staffers were insulted was because their husbands were prominent public servants.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when we are supposed to be honoring our mothers for their selfless dedication and hard work, these two Democrat Congressmen have set new lows in the respect for women. They should apologize for their insulting remarks.

NEW MEXICO FIRES

(Mr. RICHARDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, despite what you may be hearing, New

Mexico and Taos County are not burning. Our fires, thankfully, have been contained. New Mexico is open for business and tourism. In fact, 99.5 percent of Taos County where this fire took place did not burn.

I would like to let everybody know these fires were composed of a small percentage of land in northern New Mexico. We certainly have not closed our borders to traveling Americans because of them. In fact, Americans should know New Mexico continues to have some of the finest camping, fishing, hiking, skiing anywhere in the country as well as the famous southwestern cultural attractions in Santa Fe and Taos and our Indian pueblos. So as long as you are not in the habit of throwing burning cigarettes and matches on the ground, we wholeheartedly welcome you to New Mexico.

CALLING FOR A PUBLIC APOLOGY

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, yesterday at a Government Reform and Oversight Committee Hearing, two Democrat lawmakers emerged from their stone-age caves.

In a manner that only the Peking man could truly appreciate, they called into question the motives of two hard-working female staffers because they were married to prominent public officials.

In a town like Washington, many folks—both male and female—are married to prominent public officials. But according to this club-waving, cave-man mentality, if you are a woman you are incapable of rubbing two sticks together—much less having an independent thought.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon these supposed gentlemen to publicly apologize to all women for their ice-age mentality.

WINDFALL PROFITS TAX

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, while gas keeps going up, oil companies keep making excuses. They say the blizzard did it. Spring sprung sooner than expected. More people are buying gas guzzlers and, check this one out, to try and help us, they waited and waited and waited to buy the crude oil at such a low price so they could pass the savings on to us.

Spare me, Mr. Speaker, the profits of Unocal are up 70 percent; Marathon, 180 percent; Phillips, 500 percent. Who is kidding whom? These creeps make the Mafia look like choir boys, Mr. Speaker.

I did not vote for the gas tax. I am going to vote to repeal the gas tax. But I also think we should slap a windfall

profit tax on these turkeys in a heart beat.

What is next, not enough Americans ride bikes? Beam me up, Mr. Speaker.

DEMOCRAT COLLEAGUES INSULT FEMALE STAFFERS

(Mrs. CHENOWETH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, in what has been called a desperate distraction of men uncomfortable with women in the workplace, two Democrat male Members of Congress verbally assaulted two female congressional aides yesterday in a committee hearing. What was the reason for these attacks—the women happen to be married to prominent public officials.

This sort of Neanderthal-like mentality that would cause a Member of Congress to stoop to such a low level as attacking hardworking staff members on such sexist grounds has absolutely no place in this institution. Not only is this an insult to the female staffers in Congress, it is an insult to working women all across America.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my Democrat colleagues, Mr. MORAN and Mr. KANJORSKI, to publicly apologize to the women they attacked.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3286

(Ms. FURSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to express my support for the adoption bill we are considering today, but I also want to express adamant opposition to the title III amendments to the Indian Child Welfare Act.

I have worked on native American issues since 1974. The Child Welfare Act was passed in 1978, after days of hearings. It was a much-needed law. Thirty-five percent of Indian children were adopted out of their tribes at that time. The changes proposed today will change the Indian Child Welfare Act drastically, and the worst thing about it, Mr. Speaker, is there will be not 1 hour of hearings.

The other worse thing about it is, not one tribe has been consulted. That is like passing a law that affects your constituents without even talking to someone in your State.

The proposed Indian Child Welfare Act amendments are antifamily, and they are anti-Indian. I urge my colleagues, to vote "yes" on the Young-Miller motion to strike.

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REPUBLICAN FEMALE STAFFERS ATTACKED BY TWO DEMOCRAT MALE MEMBERS

(Ms. GREENE of Utah asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GREENE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise to protest in the most strong terms the reprehensible behavior of two Democrat male Members who verbally assaulted two Republican staff members yesterday at a meeting of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. These two female staffers were not attacked for the job they were doing, they were not even attacked for their ideology. They were attacked for who they are married to, one of them for 1 week.

Mr. Speaker, women in this country, most of us, work outside the home as well as inside the home. We work because we want to, we work because the economic policies of the last 40 years of the Democrat-controlled Congress have made it that we have to. Whatever the reason for us being in the workplace, we deserve the respect and the civility of all of our coworkers no matter what title they may hold.

We are here to stay. Our colleagues better get used to us. And those two male Democrat Members committed an offense against all women yesterday, they committed an offense against all right-thinking men, and they owe us all a public apology.

SAY "YES" TO A DECENT MINIMUM WAGE

(Mr. GUTIERREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, my Republican friends love to talk about hard work. Why, from welfare to immigration, they can fit words of praise for working Americans into just about any debate.

If this were a debate contest, they could win awards for all their fine rhetoric. But rhetoric will not pay the real bills of real people. Nice rhetoric might win someone a sound bite on the evening news, but it will not send any kids to college, or pay for a mortgage, or cover the doctor bills.

And unfortunately, my Republican friends are much better at rhetoric than rewarding hard work.

Well, I believe it is time to stop talking and start acting for the American people. It is simple. This House should say "yes" to a decent minimum wage for hard-working Americans. You see, they do not have time to make nice speeches about hard work, because they are too busy doing it. It is time for my colleagues to back up their empty words. Cut out the rhetoric. Instead, let us reward the hard work of the American people. Pass a livable minimum wage.

PRESIDENT CLINTON ADMITS TO MEDISCARE CAMPAIGN

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week President Clinton finally ad-

mitted what most of us have known for quite some time now: Congress is not cutting Medicare. In fact, our effort has been to save Medicare from bankruptcy. When reporters asked the President about those deliberately false television ads that portray Republicans as heartless souls who are allegedly slashing Medicare and Medicaid, he got visibly upset. He acknowledged that the ads are not accurate. He blamed his misstatements on the press. And he said he really liked to be truthful, but he just cannot do it in a 27-second ad. Very interesting, very revealing, and, quite frankly, very sad.

Mr. Speaker, it was reported last month that the Medicare trust fund has lost \$4.3 billion already this year. The President knows that something must be done, and now he has finally come clean. If he really is committed to start telling the truth about Medicare, he ought to work with us to save Medicare for this generation and for future generations.

REPUBLICANS ARE NOT TRYING TO SAVE MEDICARE

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, this notion that somehow the Republicans are trying to save Medicare is just a lot of baloney, but they are at it again. They are at it again, basically making these cuts in the Medicare Program just to pass on tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans, and they are going to destroy the Medicare Program in the process. What they are essentially doing is making cuts that are so severe that we will see hospitals closed and we will see the quality of health care services for seniors significantly decline. And they are also passing and changing the Medicare Program in a way that the senior citizens will not have a choice of doctors. They will be pushed into managed care systems. They will be forced to spend more money out of pocket that goes back to Medicare providers in order to have the same benefits that they have now.

So this idea that somehow they are solving the problem with Medicare or they are dealing with the potential insolvency is not true. The President has put forth a proposal in his budget that would guarantee the continued solvency of the Medicare Program, but the Republicans are going way beyond that. They are cutting \$44 billion more than what the President proposes. They are not trying to deal with Medicare in an effective way.

PORKER OF THE WEEK AWARD

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, for over a decade, the Social Security Administration funneled more than \$50,000 in benefits into the bank account of serial killer William Bonin.